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SUBJ: ENERGY: RWANDAN POL SITUATION

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8209, DECEMBER 3, 1973.

1. SUMMARY: RWANDAN MINISTER FINANCE AND ECONOMICS RETURNED TO KIGALI JANUARY 20 FROM VISITS TO KAMPALA AND NAIROBI. MINISTER TOLD RADIO RWANDA INTERVIEWER HE HAD RECEIVED ASSURANCES OF INCREASED POL DELIVERIES TO RWANDA. REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER ASSURANCES WILL BE TRANSLATED INTO ADDED SUPPLIES. END SUMMARY

2. UPON JANUARY 20 RETURN TO KIGALI FROM WEEK-LONG VISIT TO KAMPALA \*ND NAIROBI (REF A), RWANDAN MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMICS NDUHUNGIREHE GAVE RADIO INTERVIEW  
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DESCRIBING RESULTS TRIP. MINISTER SAID HE LEARNED IN KENYA THAT POL SHIPMENTS FROM MOMBASA REFINERY TO ALL CUSTOMERS (I.E., KENYA, UGANDA, EASTERN ZAIRE, RWANDA) HAD BEEN REDUCED BY ABOUT 25 PERCENT AS RESULT OF SMALLER CRUDE DELIVERIES TO REFINERY. MINISTER ALLEGED THAT IF RWANDA NOT RECEIVING FULL 75 PERCENT OF NORMAL POL DELIVERIES, OIL COMPANIES ARE AT FAULT. MINISTER SAID THAT SHELL AND BP NAIROBI HEADQUARTERS PROMISED HIM THEY WOULD "PUT PRESSURE" ON KAMPALA BRANCHES TO ASSURE SUPPLIES FOR RWANDA. MINISTER ADDED HE AND UGANDAN AUTHORITIES HAD AGREED ON MEASURES TO ASSURE DELIVERIES ADEQUATE POL SUPPLIES TO RWANDA.

3. UGANDAN CHARGE HAS INFORMED US HE TELEPHONED KAMPALA JANUARY 22 AND WAS TOLD BY MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY THAT AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE REACHED BETWEEN RWANDA AND UGANDA FOR INCREASED DELIVERIES. UGANDA CHARGE UNABLE TO OBTAIN DETAILS, HOWEVER.

4. COMMENT: IT TOO EARLY TO TELL WHETHER ASSURANCES GIVEN TO RWANDAN MINISTER IN KAMPALA AND NAIROBI WILL RESULT IN INCREASED SUPPLIES. AS REPORTED REF A, LOCAL OIL COMPANY SOURCES ESTIMATE JANUARY DELIVERIES TO RWANDA AT 30 PERCENT BELOW AVERAGE FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS 1973. THIS WOULD SUGGEST SHORTFALL OF SOME 5 PERCENT BETWEEN RWANDA'S SHARE OF REDUCED OUTPUT AT MOMBASA REFINERY AND WHAT REACHES RWANDA. THERE IS DIFFERENCE OF OPINION AMONG OUR INFORMANTS, HOWEVER, ABOUT WHETHER MOMBASA REFINERY IS SOURCE OF ALL POL PRODUCTS IN THIS REGION OR WHETHER SOME POL ALREADY DELIVERED TO MOMBASA IN REFINED STATE. PERHAPS NAIROBI CAN CLARIFY.

5. RE REF B, INFORMED SOURCES CONFIRM AT PRESENT NO RPT NO POL SUPPLIES REACHING RWANDA VIA TANZANIA AND BURUNDI. SOURCES ADDED THAT THIS ROUTE TRADITIONALLY SUPPLIED ONLY SMALL PERCENTAGE RWANDAN REQUIREMENTS. HARASSMENT OF TRUCK DRIVERS WHILE TRANSITING UGANDA HAS BEEN PROBLEM FOR LONG TIME, BUT IS NO MORE SIGNIFICANT AT PRESENT THAN BEFORE CURRENT SHORTAGE DEVELOPED.  
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